

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OSAKA 01232 120557Z

11

ACTION ITFE-05

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 IO-10 ISO-00 VO-03 SCA-01 INSE-00 AID-05

DHA-02 ORM-01 /034 W

----- 029456

P R 111319Z JUL 75

FM AMCONSUL OSAKA KOBE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1947

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1947

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USUN NEW YORK UNN

US MISSION GENEVA UNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OSAKA KOBE 1232

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, JA

SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF SELF-EVACUATED INDOCHINA REFUGEES:  
THE TAISEI MARU 25

REF: STATE 133652

1. 25 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FOUND ADRIFT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WERE RESCUED AND BROUGHT TO JAPAN BY JAPANESE REFRIGERATOR SHIP TAISEI MARU. THE GOJ ADMITTED THEM JULY 1 FOR AN INITIAL 15 DAY PERIOD BUT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY ARE WELCOME NEITHER AS IMMIGRANTS NOR REFUGEES. ALL 25 WHO ARRIVED DESTITUTE ARE NOW HOUSED AT SEVERAL CATHOLIC CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN OSAKA. 18 HAVE APPLIED FOR AND HAVE BEEN GRANTED VISAS TO FRANCE. REMAINING SEVEN HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO ENTER U.S. AS REFUGEES.

2. UNCHR CORRESPONDENT IN JAPAN, PROFESSOR Y. SAITO VISITED CONSULATE JULY 10 TO PRESENT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE GROUP WHO COMPRISE FIVE SINGLE MEN AND A MOTHER-SON PAIR. THEY RANGE IN AGE FROM 18-48. IN INTERVIEWS IT WAS DETERMINED THAT NONE HAVE SPECIAL SKILLS OR CONNECTIONS WITH ANYONE IN THE UNITED STATES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OSAKA 01232 120557Z

THEY DO NOT IN ANY WAY FIT CATEGORIES REFTTEL AS COMING UNDER

GENERAL PAROLE AUTHORITY. SAITO WAS SO INFORMED. HE UNDERSTOOD BUT ASKED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN THE CASES IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED PERMISSION TO STAY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOJ. HE COMMITTED THE UNHCR TO PAYMENT OF TRAVEL COSTS TO THE UNITED STATES IF ADMISSION COULD BE GRANTED. HE STATED SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS WERE BEING MADE ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP BY UNHCR IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA.

3. ON JULY 11 THE HEAD OF THE LOCAL CATHOLIC AGENCY WHICH IS CARING FOR THE GROUP CALLED TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FOR THE GROUP. WHEN INFORMED OF PRESENT POLICY CONCERNING SELF-EVACUATED REFUGEES HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GROUP SEEMED INELIGIBLE BUT OFFERED TO SEEK IMMEDIATE HELP OF INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC RELIEF AGENCY CARITAS IN ARRANGING FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR ALL SEVEN BY CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U. S.

4. IN VIEW OF TIME PRESSURE BROUGHT BY OFFICIAL JAPANESE ATTITUDE AN THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THESE CASES DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF GENERAL PAROLE AUTHORITY TO EMBRACE THEM. VISAS FALCON MESSAGE SENT SEPTTEL. REQUEST GUIDANCE. BRUNS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 11 JUL 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** CunninFX  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975OSAKA01232  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750241-0363  
**From:** OSAKA KOBE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750764/aaaacfmb.tel  
**Line Count:** 82  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION ITFE  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 STATE 133652  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CunninFX  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 24 JUN 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <24 JUN 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <03 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RESETTLEMENT OF SELF-EVACUATED INDOCHINA REFUGEES: THE TAISEI MARU 25  
**TAGS:** SREF, JA  
**To:** STATE WASHDC  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006